

**WEEKLY WATCH**  
**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
**HILLSIDE, ILLINOIS**

**“As For Me and My House, We Will Serve the Lord”**

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**CHAPEL**

Chapel services will be held every Wednesday at 8:45 AM (unless otherwise noted). The next service will be held on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Vratny will be leading us in worship. The theme is “Justified By Faith.” Offerings are designated to Feed My Starving Children for the first half of the year. For more information about FMSC, check them out at <http://www.fmsc.org>

**MARKET DAY**

Online orders are due October 22<sup>nd</sup> (today at 10:00 PM) This month, we will receive extra money for pies that are ordered. This would be a great time to order pies/desserts for your holiday get-togethers. Even though the sale date is in October, this is regarded as being our November sale. Pick up is on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 PM.



**Immanuel Lutheran Church & School’s Second Annual Dinner/Auction will be held on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Alpine Banquets in Westchester. Tickets are now on sale for \$25 per person. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold. New donated items may be brought to the school office. If you wish to solicit items from a local business, we have special letters in the school office that you may use to give that business explaining our event and showing that we are a non-profit organization. All school families are expected to purchase 2 tickets. Proceeds from this fund raiser will be divided between our PTL and the church. For tickets, please see Mrs. Hahn or Miss Carol.**

**THE STUDENTS WILL BE SINGING AT IMMANUEL’S CHURCH SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 AM. PLEASE MEET IN THE CHURCH BY 9:25 AM.**

**FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS & THEIR PARENTS - Walther Lutheran High School Open House, October 28 at 7:00pm – 900 Chicago Ave., Melrose Park. Come learn more about what it means to be a part of the Walther family. Meet teachers, coaches, and students. Take a tour of the Walther facility. Hear about financial aid opportunities. Sign up for the placement test. Ask any questions you can think of!**

## From the Principal's Desk

### Halloween: Is It Sinful?

Halloween tends to be a controversial issue among Christians today. Some say it's sinful to celebrate a day that glamorizes the occult. Others say it is simply a harmless fall festival.

The name Halloween (All Hallows Eve) is innocent enough. Its literal meaning is "the evening before All Saint's Day. All Saints' Day is a church festival day celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Traditionally, Christians honor God for saints (believers) of the past on All Saints' Day. The observance of Halloween has a less commendable beginning, however. The ancient Druids and Celts believed that on the night before All Saints' Day evil spirits are called forth and spirits of the dead revisit their earthly homes. People observed various rituals to ward off these spirits.

Over time the original purpose of Halloween diminished and harvest festival customs were added. The celebration of Halloween has evolved through the ages. So the question to ask is: "Is our present-day celebration of Halloween God-pleasing?"

Certainly the celebration of evil—death, violence, gore, and harmful pranks can never be God-pleasing. Witchcraft, superstition, and the occult have no place in the lives of Christians. Take this opportunity to discuss Halloween with your child. Explain why, as Christians, we choose not to dress up as evil characters or act in ways that glorify evil instead of God.

Can you think of some new ways for Christians to celebrate Halloween that fit in with the meaning of our faith? Here are a few suggestions to get you started. We can give people a "real treat" on Halloween by sharing Christ and the victory He won for us over death and the devil. We can wear costumes that imitate the outstanding characteristics of faithful people of God from the past. We can carve a Christian symbol in the front of our pumpkins and thereby witness to others that Christ is "the true light."

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the **light** of the **world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the **light** of life." John 8:12.

In Christ,

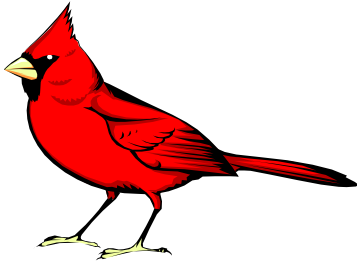
*Lana J. Hahn*

### Internet Safety Program

ILS P.T.L will sponsor an Internet Safety Program for parents on November 22 at 6:30 p.m. Kathleen McGowan from Cook County State's Attorney's Sex Crimes Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, will speak regarding safety tips, cyber tip line, acronyms, think before you post and more. Do you really know what dangers your child may encounter through the internet? Come and be informed.

The program is open to school and church families. Please feel free to invite a friend or relative. For information, please contact Lana Hahn.

On November 23rd each school class will have an age appropriate program on internet safety.



# FROM THE SPORTS DESK...

## The Week That Was .....

In their final tune-up before the Walther Tournament, the Lady Cardinals traveled to Trinity, Burr Ridge to try and tame the Tigers. The Lady Cardinals came out in attack mode. Their teamwork was outstanding. They won the first game 25-11. They kept the energy up during the second game and won 25-13. This was a perfect way to end the regular season and prepare for the Walther Tournament this weekend. As the Lady Cardinals head to Melrose Park this weekend, they are definitely on a roll. They have come together as a team and they are playing outstanding volleyball.

## The Week Upcoming .....

Monday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Day Off

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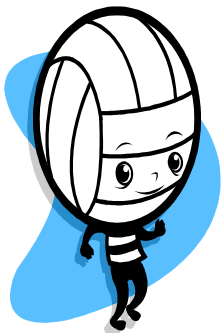
Wednesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Girls B-Ball Practice

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**GOOD LUCK LADY CARDINALS  
@THE WALTHER TOURNAMENT!!!**

**YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**



Walther Tournament Schedule  
The Lady Cardinals take the court  
at 9:00am vs. Trinity, Burr Ridge  
& at 10:00am vs. Trinity, Roselle  
**COME CHEER THEM ON TO  
VICTORY!!  
SEE YOU THERE!!**

Quote Of The  
Week.....

Just go out there  
and do what you've  
got to do!!